

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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CENTRAL ASSISTANCE TO RAJASTHAN FOR DROUGHT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the assistance provided by the Union Government to the drought affected areas in Rajasthan during the last four years, head-wise;
- (b) the amount spent by the Government of Rajasthan from their exchequer in the drought affected areas during the said period;
- (c) whether foodgrains quota for the drought victims in the State was reduced from 10 kg to 5 kg per household; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): Assistance provided to Rajasthan during 1999-2000 to 2002-03 (so far) in the wake of drought, which is in addition to release of Central share of Calamity Relief Fund(CRF), is indicated below:-

(Rs. in crore)

1999-2000	102.93 (NFCR)
2000-2001	85.00 (NCCF)
2001-2002 (for drought of 2000-01)	78.97 (NCCF)
2002-2003 (so far)	167.34 (NCCF)

NFCR - National Fund for Calamity Relief.
NCCF - National Calamity Contingency Fund.

(b): Distribution of relief at the ground level is the responsibility of the State Government.

(c) & (d): No, Sir. The Task Force has, however, adopted a criterion of allocation which assumes a foodgrains component of 8 kg. per person per day in case of 74 worst affected Blocks and 6 kg. per person per day for other Blocks.